

Second Death and Greed

Shout it From the Rooftops

Everyone should know about the second death. If these things aren't shouted from the rooftops then we are going to perish. A person who doesn't do it will be cut off. This is a command of our Master (Mt 10:27).

This shouting is a clear delivery. There is no excuse for talking in a low tone of voice and not being heard. It is obstinacy. Everyone can do it but not everyone will do it. How do you speak in a loud voice? You push air out over your vocal chords. It is according to your will power how loud you talk. It is just pushing air out. We must use our will and self-determination. This is what men in the nations do to be worthy of the nations — they use their will and self-determination. But we use our will to do His will.

Take a deep breath and push out. We are to shout what we have heard from the rooftops, especially in the presence of many people. We must train our children to speak in a loud voice. The 144,000 still cried out with a loud voice after they were in heaven. They were speaking from their souls — like the rich man crying out in Hades (Lk 16). Our spirit has to have a loud voice to our soul, and our soul to our body, in order for us to rule over our bodies. How else can we present our bodies as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1,2)? It is us who are doing the presenting — the *you* in Rom 12 speaks of the soul.

Acts 2:24 — The *Him* there is His soul; it wasn't His body that went to Sheol and experienced the agonies of death. How loudly does your spirit speak? How loudly does your soul speak?

Jn 5:25-30 — Verse 28 will be our theme. He said, *do not be amazed or astonished at this* (speaking to the Jews), for it would evidently be an astonishment to them, *for an hour is coming ...* When is this time that is coming? Jn 5:25 — an hour is coming and is now here — is this the same hour? No, this is what Eph 2:1 is talking about. Once we were dead in our

trespasses and sins and we heard His voice and we came alive. This is the resurrection of Romans 6 when we came alive to Him.

Jn 5:26-30 — Verse 29 is the second resurrection, the future resurrection after the first resurrection. Jn 5:29 is the Great White Throne judgment of Rev 20:11-15. Their good and evil deeds are recorded in the books. If their good deeds are not based on the second covenant, then they are just self-righteous. But if they are obeying that covenant and doing good deeds, then those good deeds will count. Apart from being based on the second covenant they are doing their good deeds for a motive and that motive will be exposed.

Mt 10:42 — If you looked back in the life of someone who fulfilled Mt 10:42, what would you find? Consistency with the second covenant throughout his life.

1 Pet 2:12 — It is not that they would view our life for one day but for a whole lifetime of consistency and good deeds. This verse goes back to the first covenant with man pertaining to Israel, the rule of God — those called out to rule (Gen 12:3). (The last thing spoken to the nations is Gen 9, establishing authority.)

They will see our good deeds and works. They will say, “I don't know what I was thinking about ten years ago, but I see something in their life.” Many people have been prejudiced by the seed of discord that was sown by Christianity (they pre-judged us). But in time they will see. These people will either come into the Edah or give glory to God when He comes. It seems like the 144,000 won't have to minister to the tribal areas. The witness will have already been there.

1 Pet 2:12 describes what the people in our tribal area will do who don't take the Mark. They will respect our life. They observed our deeds but didn't join. They will be fit for the nations. We are special people especially loved and chosen to be like God. But it seems that it is all for the sake of the nations. We are special people especially loved and chosen to be like God. But it seems that it is all for the sake of the nations. It seems like the nations deserve the eternal nations more than we deserve the Holy City. All we do is give our will to Messiah and let Him do the work in us. We will suffer more for righteousness, for Messiah's sake, than they will.

How much should we love the world? He loves the world as much as He loves His Son (Jn 17:23). That is a lot of love. What should we do? What should we be like? Should we give the paper to our homosexual neighbors or not? If we love them we will. If we had any idea of what the second death is like, we'd want to spare them.

The cup of soup Esau ate lasted till his hunger subsided. He took it and forfeited the Kingdom. What if we had a cup we liked that would keep us from the Kingdom? What if a person loved sin (like homosexuality) and could do it for 100 trillion years? They would still have to pay for it for the never-ending rest of eternity. We may eat soup. The Holy Spirit loves us so much He'd go to hell with us to bring us through the time of discipline. It is just like when Adam went into death with Eve. Adam is bringing Eve through. HE LOVES US. It is amazing how much He loves us.

Jn 5:28-29 — The same thing is said in Rom 2:9-10. Some couldn't hear His voice; they never had the opportunity. Samuel didn't know Yahweh; he wasn't saved until he heard His voice. It is the same with us. Rom 2 comes after Rom 1, which talks about the nations suppressing the truth. Rom 2:1-6 — We can't pass judgment on others if we do the same things. Rom 2:7-10 is the judgment of the nations. Verse 7 — Those who seek this will be given eternal life.

Jn 5:28-29 is the same as Rom 2:14-16. All good deeds of the nations go back to Gen 3:15-19. If they are not based on that they are self-righteous like the Pharisees. Mt 7:23 will apply to us if we don't give our will over to His will. The nations go back to Gen 3. We have to be in the covenant of dying to ourselves and giving our lives up. 1 Pet 4:11 — We mustn't do anything in our own strength.

We might want to go back to some of the first and second death teachings to defend this paper (Rev 20:6; 2:11; 3:5; Jms 1:21; 5:20).

Greed

We need to mention this because there are very subtle ways this has crept into our lives, or rather, hasn't crept out of our lives yet. Will greed ever go out of our lives, all the way out? Every form of greed? We mentioned greed in the paper. We want to be able to judge it in our lives so we can help judge it in others. If all forms of greed are not eradicated from our lives, we cannot expect to experience life and rule with Messiah in the next age. Greed is no little sin. It will lead us to death.

Rom 1:29 — Those who did not see fit to acknowledge God are filled with every kind of wickedness and evil. The first one on the list is greed. Greed is the root of all evil; it is the basic ingredient of fallen man. Greed is a wicked stronghold in the heart of man. We must be free of this. We must be free of everything in Rom 1:29-32 or we are spoken of in Rom 2:1. Whatever we're not freed of, that's the accusation we'll have against us that will keep us from ruling with Messiah (Jn 8:51). The New Covenant is His word for us. True disciples read His word. It is a matter of life and death. For them it is not just a “have to” but they have to know how to live.

The Conscience

We are led by the spirit, not the conscience. The spirit works through every aspect of our soul. The conscience can only maintain a standard; it can't take you on. It functions on the highest standard of knowledge it knows. The nations are waiting — maintaining what they know to be good. They will utterly deserve the nations. They are not expecting the world to become some sort of utopia by man's efforts. They know utopia won't come by obeying the second covenant.

The conscience keeps one in the covenant of Gen 3:16, the knowledge of good and evil — what man is expected to do. To the degree they live by the knowledge of good and evil they will be kings in the nations. Kings in the nations will have taken a higher standard and paid a higher price than others.

We're freed from this system of the knowledge of good and evil. If you have tasted of the power of the age to come, then you are freed from the system of good and evil based on Gen 3:16-19 to keep from going to the second death. We are freed from the second death. The nations are only freed from the second death if they keep the second covenant. We must talk to people like this who haven't known they had guilt before. If we tell this to them they may say, "I'm guilty; I'm on my way to the second death." We would be bringing the good news to them. We haven't had the comprehensive good news before. The day will come when it will go out with power. (We were saved by something else — our God's sovereign mercy. Our Father knew our hearts. We didn't know the gospel like we do now. Very few of us came because the gospel penetrated our hearts and we knew it. Disciples are only trickling in now but it won't always be that way.)

Shoresh: We've always said the teeth of the gospel is the law. The law that brings conviction is the law written on the heart.

Daniel: If we'd come in on this standard we'd be compelled by the good news. We don't know that the gospel is the power of God.

Rom 1:16 — The law is what man was to live by, like Genesis 3, not just the Law of Moses. Salvation is the power of God. We haven't known that. We aren't compelled like Paul was. We're ashamed of the gospel if it hasn't done its full work in us — if it is not the power of God to us. We have been freed from this system and are not led by the conscience but by the Spirit who dwells in us. It is only the rebellious who will have to suffer death. If we know what death was like we'd be the greatest evangelists who ever lived, doing anything to keep people from death.

The rebellion in us puts us back under the conscience and judgment. Therefore we have to experience the very death He came to set us free from — the first death. We're free by our daily obedience. Our Master did the work for us; the Holy Spirit now works in us. We are to be obedient to Him in every way or we will suffer death. That is why we need the covenant. If men

are to enter life by being obedient to the covenant of their conscience, Gen 3, how much more are we to be obedient to the covenant set before us?

We are right back in the garden walking as Adam walked and we are not to sin deliberately as Adam did. The most important thing in the world is the New Covenant and what we bring out of the Old Covenant into the New. The angels and the Holy Spirit will cause our children to love the word if we're not ashamed of it. We have to bring it to them in a way they can love it.

Rom 8:13,14 — We can see what is required of us. When we live by the tree of life it is not we who live but Messiah living in us. If He is living His life through us by our will you could see the type of lives we would lead. We would change radically and conduct ourselves differently in conversation. We certainly would not be religious.

Greed

Lk 12:15 — We have to let this speak to us so if we're not guilty of any form of greed in ourselves we can at least help others. We need to see ourselves. If we are going to write about greed in the world then we better be done with it in our own lives. Greed is no little sin. Greed is a strong emotion. It is a motivating, driving force. It drives you to get something the Spirit may not be giving you.

(Is a Cross pen greed? It could be if you could get along with a Bic. People used to get along with feathers. One man judged me because of my Cross pen. It is a status symbol of wealth. If it is greed and I can not judge it then I'll be guilty of the body and blood.)

Greed is no little sin. It is a sin that leads to death if it is not put to death. Greed is covetousness and a form of idolatry.

1 Jn 5:14,15 — If we are greedy and we know it and we try to pray, do you think our prayers will be answered? Will He hear us? Will we really want His will with all of our heart? No, we'd be indifferent at this point, not believing He hears us. Sometimes we're too dull to judge greed and care about His purpose. Greed is like a little leaven that leavens the whole loaf.

1 Cor 5:6-8 — Malice is certainly horrible but he could have said greed. (Malice is not only desiring ill will but making sure someone has ill will. It is deadly leaven.)

Greed — every single form of greed must be judged in us. Otherwise we may have greed and not even recognize it when it comes out.

Mt 6:19-34 — The word of God spoke these words. Mt 6:19 is just like Lk 12:32. Sell your possessions and give alms. (Every once in a while I can get out a pair of moth-eaten shoes and give them away to someone.) Mt 6:25 — Will there ever come a time when we'll have to think about this? Our Master said, “Why do you worry about clothes?” (Some don't and you can tell. Some do, and you can tell that too.)

If we are faithful to give tithes then our Father will be faithful to give offerings. What are offerings? If we are faithful to give tithes, He will be faithful to give inheritances as offerings. Let's look at it that way in the New Covenant.

Mt 6:30 — *O you of little faith.* Greedy people have little faith. Men of little faith are unwilling, not choosing to rest in the assurance their Father in heaven cares about us. This is the basis of greed. A showy display of possessions could hang Messiah up to public shame because it shows that He's unable to save a person from greed. Our Master's word portrays greed as sin, an evil sin. It is unmixed, unmitigated, absolute, unqualified evil — especially when one comes to a knowledge of the truth. There are no extenuating circumstances behind greed. The Holy Spirit speaks and we don't listen at times. We write it off as our own mind, “It's just me; I'm just being legalistic.” A greedy person is a pervert. It is a perversion. Greed is a fruit of the flesh (Mk 7:21,22).

The precious word of God is going to save us from this. He made the New Covenant with us by splitting himself in two. If we don't keep that covenant, then Lk 12:46 will apply to us.

Mk 7:21-22 — The knowledge of good and evil goes far beyond working by the sweat of their brow. When people get the paper (*Back to the Garden*), their conscience will bother them because of how they fall short — even if they are keeping the second covenant in some aspects.

For from within, out of the human heart, comes the evil that defiles the man. These things in Mk 7:21,22 defile a man, not washing with unwashed hands in a religious sense. These verses are not talking about pork meat as the Christians say. These evils come forth from a man and defile him. Avarice or greed is evil. That is what He calls it (verse 23). Greed is no little thing. We will die if we don't judge it (Rom 8:13).

What does *defilement* mean? Greed is so evil it is a perversion — it brings death. It makes a person unclean (defiles him). No unclean thing can enter the Holy City. This is just one of a thousand things the New Covenant points out that we must be free from. This is why He won't be ashamed to call us brothers, because we purged ourselves of these things (Rev 21:27). If we don't purge ourselves from these things, then Rev 22:14 talks about us. We won't enter the Holy City until we're clean. Then we'll be able to eat from the tree of life.

It goes back to Rev 3. In Sardis, all except a few had stained their robes. Greed puts a stain on our robe. He will get it out. He made a covenant to be with us until we come into the Holy City. He'll never forsake us. He's the greatest hero we ever had. Do you want to read about Him? He's more than a hero. He will go to hell with us to make sure we make it to the Holy City.

Elizabeth: I am so thankful we're being separated from the god of Christianity. Our God loves us so much that if we failed to judge ourselves He would be with us until we did.

Have you ever been defiled since you've been a believer? You know it — you're morally unclean. It disqualifies us; we're not worthy to partake of His body and blood. We have all unworthily taken the bread and the cup. We are coming to the full knowledge of the truth where we fully know His character. It wouldn't be fitting to put us in a race without being prepared first.

Rev 22:11 — We're not in the first part of this verse; we've been cleansed. We're in the second part of this verse. There is even a distinction between the righteous and the holy. We want to be holy, more and more, set apart for His purpose to infinity. We want to continue to be set apart more and more for greater use for His purposes (“for star differs from star in glory”).

1 Cor 10:14-22 — We must begin to judge ourselves rightly so we could partake worthily and not be guilty of His body and blood (1 Cor 11:27). He won't leave us even then. He made a covenant with us. He wants us to know how He loves and cares for us. God thinks that if we know this that He will finally have a people.